

Honorable members of the Judiciary Committee:

Thank you for seeking input from the public regarding the various bills before you today.

I strongly OPPOSE H.B. No. 6667 - AN ACT ADDRESSING GUN VIOLENCE.

I strongly OPPOSE H.B. No. 6817 - AN ACT CONCERNING MICROSTAMPING-ENABLED PISTOLS, RAISING THE AGE TO PURCHASE AMMUNITION AND RESTRICTING THE SALE AND POSSESSION OF BODY ARMOR.

H.B. 6667 this bill is simply volumes of unconscionable gun control legislation targeting lawful gun owners. None of the Governor's proposals will reduce crime. You can pass all the laws you want, the only ones following them are legal gun owners, which are really whom Governor Lamont intended to attack with this bill's passage. He tried it in 2022 and was unsuccessful, generating resounding opposition from legions citizens and many advocacy groups. Now he's trying it again. Others will undoubtedly testify here today more specifically, that the government's "soft on crime" approach undermines all our attempts at reducing criminal violence. I suggest we focus on that, not increasing regulation of our constitutionally guaranteed rights. These proposed measures simply attack legal gun owners.

H.B. 6817 mandates technology that increases the cost of firearms, increasing the cost of obtaining legal firearms for those of lower income who are coincidentally those most likely to need that ability in the first place. It would also effectively remove the ability for non-microstamping firearms to be sold, this is back door gun control. The sponsors of this legislation know they would never be able to accomplish this type of gun ban by doing so out in the open and must attempt this by means of bait and switch tactics. It also further increases regulation of civilian ownership of body armor. In a world where you ban good people with guns from our schools, you aim to remove the ability of our children to possess body armor in their back packs? Or built into their clothing? You aim to remove the ability for a civilian to obtain and wear a totally defensive countermeasure to unexpected violence? Stop getting your legislative proposals from Hollywood. Stop forcing your citizens to be totally defenseless.

Thank you for your time,

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